

Senior Home Visits

The North Andover Senior Center staff are asking you to let them know of any lonely, home-bound seniors in North Andover who would like to have a Visitor. The visitor would visit for at least one hour a week and call a few times during the week to stay in touch with the senior. They are also looking for Volunteers to visit these home-bound seniors. This program helps the seniors stay in touch with the community and also helps our volunteers become acquainted with a senior. Please call the Program Coordinator Sandy at 978 688 9560 or email: sflaherty@townofnorthandover.com

North Andover Journal

The North Andover Journal provides a bi-weekly summary of the latest happenings around town, as well as, a variety of regular segments including arts & entertainment, updates from the senior center, and school system. Plus, interviews with the town's politicians and police officers in our GovCAM updates. Tune into CAM Access (Comcast channel 22/ Verizon channel 24) as our hosts, Ron and Morgan, keep you in-the-know with North Andover news. If you're interested in being a part of The Journal crew, contact CAM at 978-687-6570.



Sunday 10AM & 7PM
Tuesday 10AM
Thursday 7:30PM
Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM
Saturday 10AM & 7PM

North Andover

Community and Business

NEWSLETTER



Town Hall Renovations

The new fire station on Chickering Road officially opened on November 12, 2015. The Main Street fire station is now closed and being renovated, along with Town Hall. Due to the renovations, all town offices currently located at Town Hall, except the Assessor's Office and



Veterans Services, will be moving to Osgood Landing at 1600 Osgood Street, Suite 2043. The Assessor's Office and Veterans Services will remain in their current location; however, access to the offices will be through the back parking lot entrance and not the Main Street entrance. The move is scheduled to happen no later than January 11, 2016 and the plan is to be back at Town Hall by mid-October. Once the actual move

date is set, the town will communicate the information to residents via the website, email and the phone notification system.

The Affordable Housing Trust continues to work with non-profit organizations and the Community Preservation Committee to rehabilitate distressed properties in town and provide affordable housing to residents. The most recent project at 64-66 May Street is scheduled for occupancy by February.

UPDATES FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

We will have an extremely busy year in 2016 and need your help. The following dates outline elections and Town Meeting:

- Presidential Primary Election – Tuesday March 1, 2016 – Polls Open 7AM-8PM
- Annual Town Election – Tuesday March 29, 2016 – Polls Open 7AM-8PM
- Annual Town Meeting Warrant Closes Monday March 7, 2016-Town Clerk's Office
- Annual Town Meeting – Begins Tuesday May 10, 2016-7PM High School Auditorium
- State Primary Election-Thursday (Note day change) September 8, 2016 – Polls Open 7AM-8PM
- Presidential Election-Tuesday November 8, 2016-Polls Open 6 AM-8PM



The deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation is twenty days before each election or Town Meeting. Please be certain to verify that you are a registered voter and registered in the party of your choice. For primary elections, you must take the ballot if you are a registered Republican, Democrat, Green-Rainbow or United Independent Party.

Please be certain to return your 2016 Annual Town Census. Included with the census for will be an absentee ballot request which can be returned for all 2016 elections in your census return. We encourage anyone who may have difficulty getting to the polls on election day to request an absentee ballot. These ballots are counted on election day.

Please look for information regarding "Early Voting" which will be implemented for the November 8, 2016 election. You may also check you voter registration status on line and also register to vote online. Our website www.townofnorthandover.com has up to date information as well as links to check voter status and registering to vote on line.

Other reminders – 2016 Dog Licenses can be paid on line and are due by February 1, 2016. Look for location updates. Please contact my office if you need assistance or have any questions. Our number is (978) 688-9501 or by e-mail jbradshaw@townofnorthandover.com.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Happy New Year!

We have gotten off to a great start in the schools this year. As I discussed in the last newsletter, I spent the summer and fall engaged in an extensive Entry Process. The full Entry Report is available on the district website, www.northandoverpublicschools.com. Overall, I found that the strengths of our school district center on our committed faculty and staff, the strong sense of community both within our schools and our town, and our adherence to our RAISE values. I have been particularly impressed by the strong sense of tradition, history and community here in North Andover and within our schools.

It is also clear that we have some work to do as we strive

to improve our schools. In particular, four areas emerged from the entry data: improve systems and structures within our schools, provide a consistent and rigorous academic experience for all students, ensure that our faculty and staff have needed resources, and make sure we are meeting the diverse needs of all of our students. The next phase of our work will be determining specific actions and approaches to address these four critical areas.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our schools. Dr. Jennifer Price



NEWS FROM STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Stevens Memorial Library wants to help you pass the Massachusetts winter months. Come into the Library or go online to find more things to do. What's happening? Like us on Facebook, sign up for "Library News" alerts or watch the website calendar for upcoming events.



In the library, participate in regular events: story times, book clubs and groups for all ages, movies, get help with the new technology received for the holidays. Join other writers for monthly Writers Group or Open Poetry Mic Night, express yourself in yarn, knitters meet at 6:00 pm every Wednesday. Most Sunday afternoons there's a movie or a guest speaker.

If the forecast is for snow, make the Library one of

the places to "stop and stock up" – get a bag of books, a pile of DVDs, and some music. But if you want to stay in, the Library's online: get something to read from OverDrive or Zinio, learn French (or something else) with Transparent Language, or listen to music from Freegal – start at the Library's website and explore.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for all their efforts, which fund the many programs at Stevens. Support the Friends of the Library and your Library by attending the May and November book sales.

Library hours: Monday through Thursday 10am – 9pm, Saturday 10am – 5pm, and Sunday 2-5pm. If the weather is questionable, call the Library or check our website before venturing out.

Website: www.StevensMemLib.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Stevens-Memorial-Library-411817838859649/

NEWS FROM THE DPW, PLANNING AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENTS

On the first Saturday in November, the Harbor Master, Public Works, Conservation, and Planning Departments coordinated a Lake Cleanup Day along the shores of Lake Cochichewick. The extensive effort focused on the areas along Rt. 133 and Pleasant Street as well as at the old pumping station near Rea's Pond, at the Hatch, and at Weir Hill. The North Andover Country Club, Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, Brooks School, and Edgewood Retirement Community also coordinated cleanups along their shorelines.

It could not have been accomplished without approximately thirty volunteers from the "Mack Gives Back" Program and another thirty from the North Andover High School Environmental Club. Coffee and donuts were supplied by the North Andover Country Club. A large dumpster, donated by Wheelabrator, was filled with trash and a sunken dock was removed from the Lake. Debris collection was done by DPW and traffic safety by the NAPD. Thank you to all for this effort to protect the beauty and water quality of Lake Cochichewick.

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